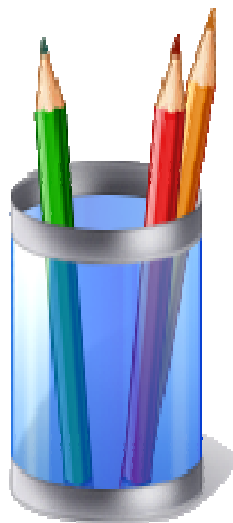
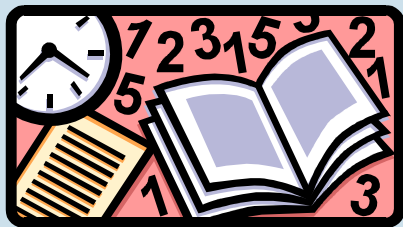


Homework Tips

- *Check Agenda Books Daily*
- *Call the Homework Hotline 978-388-0515 ext. 7200*
- *Check homework for completion*
- *Ask to see passed back work*
- *Email the team with any questions.*



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Aqua Team Information



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Meet the Aqua Team

Karen Brannelly

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Mrs. Brannelly went to Stonehill College in North Easton, Massachusetts for her undergraduate degree in early childhood and elementary education. She pursued her master's degree soon after from Lesley College. The Lesley experience left Mrs. Brannelly with a k-12 certification in reading.

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Brian Smith (Math and Science)

Mr. Smith attended Maine Maritime Academy, earning a degree in nautical science. He spent ten years sailing as a deck officer in the Merchant Marines. Mr. Smith received his master's degree in education from the University of Southern Maine.

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Team Meetings

Any member of the team can request a meeting (teachers, parents or a student). If you or your child feel the need to initiate a meeting simply call the main office and book a meeting during our available meeting time:

Day 1: 8:40

If this day and time is not convenient please email one of us to book a time that will work for all team members.

Extra Help

Mondays and Tuesdays after school (Subject to Change) meetings)

Curriculum

Science: We will explore all the domains of science this year with units of study in:

- Weather (Meteorology/Climatology)
- Microscopes (Microbiology)
- Our Solar System (Astronomy)
- Make Up of the Earth (Geology/Chemistry)
- Environmental Studies (Ecology)

Math: In Mathematics we will reinforce previously learned skills while teaching new ones such as:

- Long Division
- Exponents/Scientific Notation
- Advanced Number Sense
- Geometry
- Measurement
- Estimation
- Fractions, Decimals and Percentage

Social Studies: We will be studying evolution of our country. Our first unit is the Constitution, then we move further back in time to the era of colonization, moving forward to the development of the 13 Colonies and end the year with the America's fight for independence. We will learn using the following:

- Various texts
- Hands on Projects
- Written responses
- Primary Documents

Language Arts: We will be working on improving the reading and writing skills of all students using the following approaches and strategies:


- Reading Comprehension Strategies (Visualizing, Inferences, Determining Importance, Making Connections, Questioning, Summarizing and Retelling)
- John Collins Writing Program
- "Accountable Talk" and "Turn and Talk Partner" "Discussions"
- "Talking to the Text" Or "Coding the text"
- Journal Writing

Grading and Homework

Homework is 10% of the students' grade and should take 45– 60 minutes. Studying for test and quizzes is considered homework. If homework is light on any given evening students should be reading and working on math facts.

The other 90% of the students' grade is based on class work, quizzes, test and projects.

Keep in mind there may be some elements of larger projects that will be completed at home.

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